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Michael,

I know you are out until 6/25 but I will be out all of next week and wanted to provide you a quick update.

I was in a meeting with Becky and Joan today regarding the Kalamazoo River Area 1 ROD schedule and after that discussion Allied Landfill and our path forward with public participation and the FS/PP became the topic.

Joan informed me that she spoke to Rick and they want the FS to get finalized and released to the public. I told her you would be able to release the FS in early August. She also said she wants the Remedy Review Board comments finalized and sent back to them and she wants the draft of the PP completed.

Regarding public participation I informed Joan that we are developing a Allied Web site that will include the four main topics of waste characterization, groundwater, total excavation and a capping remedy with a box asking what people think where we can obtain questions/comments. This information will help with availability sessions, etc. I told Joan once the Web site was established we would use our email list and post cards to inform the public of this information. Joan was very receptive to this and wants to get this rolling.

I also indicated to Joan we would probably have an availability session in August to go over these topics. Further, before the availability session and probably even before the Web site is developed we could attend various community group meetings and sit down and answer any questions. No need for a presentation, simply answer questions.

Joan also asked about your site tour with the mayor. I informed her you said it went well and that you believed it would be a good idea to provide tours to other citizens, etc. She was very receptive to you providing such site tours.

So, it seems that by developing the Web site, attending community meetings, releasing the FS and having an availability session soon after the FS is released, we will be able to get our messages to the public. Therefore, you'll need to let public affairs know that we are on a fast-track to move forward with public outreach, as well as getting the FS to the public.

Joan also indicated she would like to attend any availability session and possibly a citizen group meeting that you may attend.

I also asked Joan that ultimately before the proposed Plan is released we would like to be able to brief the RA or at least have Rick brief the RA and get feedback on her position. She agreed.

So, based upon this conversation, it seems Joan wants us to get moving with releasing the FS as soon as possible, and engaging the public quickly as well.

Jim